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1. HERewith FULL TEXT BOSTON GLOBE EDITORIAL THURSDAY  
AUGUST 5 HEADED "KISSINGER'S AFRICA."

2. HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE THE NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE CONFER-  
ENCE MONDAY NIGHT WILL PROBABLY BEST BE REMEMBERED FOR  
SEVERAL ILL-CONSIDERED REMARKS HE MADE IN RESPONSE TO QUES-  
TIONS AFTER HIS MAIN SPEECH.

3. BUT IT IS NEVERTHELESS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT  
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WAS REITERATING FOR THE PRE-  
DOMINANTLY BLACK AUDIENCE--AND THEREFORE REINFORCING--US  
POLICY OBJECTIVES IN AFRICA THAT DEPART RADICALLY FROM THIS  
COUNTRY'S TRADITIONALLY VACUOUS RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA.

4. HE IDENTIFIED AMERICAN LONG-TERM INTERESTS WITH AN  
"INDEPENDENT AND THRIVING AFRICA." HE REITERATED SUPPORT  
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FOR BLACK MAJORITY RULE, EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE

OF SOUTH-WEST AFRICA (NAMIBIA), DENOUNCED APARTHEID, PLEDGED TO USE AMERICAN INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE PEACEFUL CHANGE AND EMBRACED AFRICAN LEADERS OF ALL POLITICAL PERSUASIONS.

5. THAT HIS REMARKS WERE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THOSE MADE IN A-PRECEDENT-SHATTERING SPEECH LAST APRIL IN ZAMBIA DOES NOT DETRACT FROM THEIR MERIT.

6. AND AS SEN. HUBERT HUMPHREY POINTED OUT THE FOLLOWING NIGHT BEFORE THE SAME AUDIENCE, IT TOOK COURAGE FOR THE SECRETARY TO DEFINE A POLICY THAT IS OFFENSIVE TO A SUBSTANTIAL RIGHT-WING BLOC OF HIS OWN PARTY.

7. "HE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT FOR THAT SPEECH," SAID HUMPHREY. "AND HE NEEDS YOU TO TALK TO CONGRESS FOR SUPPORT OF THAT POLICY."

8. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SPEECH WAS QUICKLY OVERSHADOWED BY MR. KISSINGER'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS. HE WAS BOOED FOR SUGGESTING THAT QUALIFIED BLACK DIPLOMATS CAN RARELY BE FOUND AND THAT RACE IS NOT A CRITERIA FOR MAKING STATE DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS.

9. "LIBERAL JIVE," ONE CONFEREES PUT IT, AND MR. KISSINGER DESERVED THE CRITICISM.

10. IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS NOT DEMANDING THAT UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER SOURCES OF CAREER DIPLOMATS FIND QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, IT IS BEING REMISS IN ITS DUTIES. AND IF THE SECRETARY IS NOT AWARE THAT COLOR CAN MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN A DIPLOMATIC POST, THEN HE IS NOTHING SHORT OF NAIVE. (END TEXT.) HABIB

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